



Booker T.
Washington

Hours of Operation:

Year round, 7:00 a.m. to sundown

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Take I-24 or I-75
to Hwy. 153.

From Hwy. 153 go to
Hwy. 58. Follow Hwy. 58
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TENNESSEE STATE PARKS BOOKER T. WASHINGTON STATE PARK





Booker T. Washington State Park

is located near Chattanooga and is named in honor of the pioneering black educator Booker T. Washington. This park provides all users a water playground area along with space for other recreational activities such as picnicking, fishing, boating, hiking, field games, playgrounds and basketball. This 353-acre park lies along the shore of Chickamauga Reservoir.

Historical significance

Booker T. Washington State Park was developed for recreational purposes by the Tennessee Valley Authority and was leased by the state from TVA in 1938. It was formally deeded to the state in 1950.

Its namesake, Booker Taliaferro Washington was born into slavery at Hale's Ford, Virginia, however with great determination, secured an education and became one of America's best known and most loved citizens. He became a prominent writer, thinker, and educator and is most widely remembered for his many years of service as Founder and President of Tuskegee Institute now known as Tuskegee University, a historically black University.

Group Camp and Group Lodge

The Group Camp has a capacity of 96 persons and is available from May through October. Priority is given to week long reservations, however short term rentals are also available. The Group Camp is completely furnished and has a dining hall and fully equipped kitchen. Clusters of group cabins surround the dining hall meeting area. Bathhouses and restrooms serve the needs of those using the facility.

The Group Lodge accommodates up to 42 people and rents by the week or for shorter periods of time. It has

a fully equipped kitchen and dining area and two sleeping sections, each served by its own shower and restroom facilities.

Both the Group Lodge and the Group Camp are handicap accessible. Either facility must be reserved for use through the park office.

Picnic Shelters and Playgrounds

Three picnic shelters can be reserved up to a year in advance. They are equipped with picnic tables and grills and have an electrical outlet. There are also other individual sites with tables, grills, toilet facilities and playground facilities.

Fishing

Fishing is open all year round. Favorite catches are bass, crappie and catfish. State fishing license required for individuals less than 65 years of age.

Planned Programs

Park Rangers are available year round for interpretive programs. Please call the park office to schedule a time for your group.

Swimming

Our Olympic size pool is open from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend. There is a cost to access the pool. Lifeguards are on duty. Swim lessons are scheduled for different age groups free of charge.

Bike Trails

The Southern Off-Road Bicycle Association (SORBA) has stated that this is one of the best off road bicycle trails in the south. The trail is approximately 5 1/2 miles long that runs along the Chickamauga Lake.

Nearby Attractions

- Historic Chattanooga, 13 miles

Nearby State Parks

- Harrison Bay, 8 miles

Special Events:

- Earth Day, April
- River Rescue, October

